

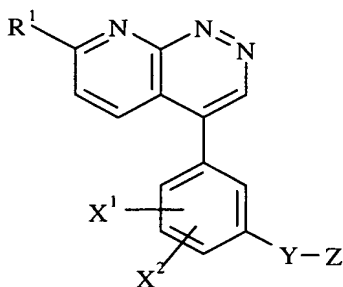
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice and insert therefore new Claims 11-19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (new) A compound of formula I, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



(I)

wherein:

X^1 represents hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, trifluoromethyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;

X^2 represents hydrogen or halogen;

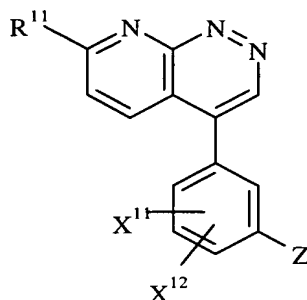
Y represents a chemical bond, an oxygen atom, or a -NH- linkage;

Z represents an optionally substituted aryl or heteroaryl group;

R^1 represents hydrogen, hydrocarbon, a heterocyclic group, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, nitro, $-OR^a$, $-SR^a$, $-SOR^a$, $-SO_2R^a$, $-SO_2NR^aR^b$, $-NR^aR^b$, $-NR^aCOR^b$, $-NR^aCO_2R^b$, $-COR^a$, $-CO_2R^a$, $-CONR^aR^b$ or $-CR^a=NOR^b$; and

R^a and R^b independently represent hydrogen, hydrocarbon or a heterocyclic group.

12. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIA:



(IIA)

wherein:

X^{11} represents hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, trifluoromethyl or methoxy;

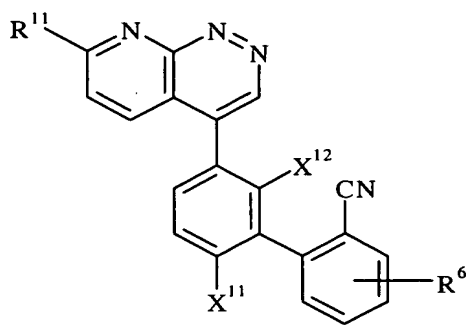
X^{12} represents hydrogen or fluoro;

R^{11} represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, halo(C_{1-6})alkyl, dihalo(C_{1-6})alkyl, hydroxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, dihydroxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, di(C_{1-6})alkoxy(C_{1-6})alkyl, cyano(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{2-6} alkoxy carbonyl(C_{1-6})alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, heteroaryl, C_{1-6} alkyl-heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_{1-6})alkyl, halogen, cyano, trifluoromethyl, formyl, C_{2-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{2-6} alkoxy carbonyl or $-CR^4=NOR^5$;

R^4 represents hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; and

R^5 represents hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy(C_{1-6})alkyl or di(C_{1-6})alkylamino(C_{1-6})alkyl.

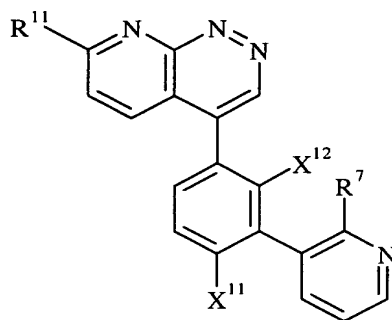
13. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIB:



(IIB)

wherein R^6 represents hydrogen or fluoro.

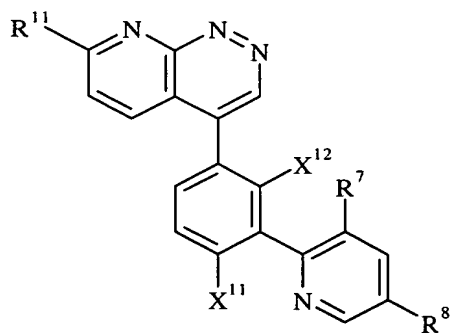
14. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IIC:



(IIC)

wherein R^7 represents hydrogen, fluoro, cyano or methyl.

15. (new) The compound of Claim 1 of formula IID:



(IID)

wherein R^8 represents hydrogen or fluoro.

16. (new) A compound which is 2'-fluoro-5'-(7-trifluoromethylpyrido[2,3-c]pyridazin-4-yl)biphenyl-2-carbonitrile or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

17. (new) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claims 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

18. (new) A method for the treatment of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (new) A method for the prevention of anxiety, convulsions or cognitive disorders, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such prevention an effective amount of the compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.